

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

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PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS DUE APRIL 10 Taxpayers Have a Number of Methods to Pay

San Diego County property owners are reminded that the second and final installment of their 1999-00 property taxes is due Monday, April 10.

County Treasurer-Tax Collector Bart J. Hartman said taxpayers have a number of options for making their property tax payments. These include payment over the Internet, an automated phone system, or in person at their main office in downtown San Diego or branch offices in El Cajon, Chula Vista, and San Marcos. Mailed payments must be postmarked by April 10, and those made in person, by telephone, or over the internet must be made by 5 p.m., closing time at the Treasurer-Tax Collector's offices. Payments can also be deposited in the drop boxes located outside the North and South entrances of the main downtown office.

To pay over the Internet using Visa or Electronic Check, sign on to the Treasurer-Tax Collector's web site at www.sdtreastax.com, and follow the prompts to the pay-by-Internet system. Property taxes also can be paid over the phone with a credit card. The number to call to pay by Discover card is (619) 236-2330, and the toll-free number to pay by Visa is (888) 245-4349. There are fees charged by the various providers for all these services. The specific fees are disclosed prior to completion of a transaction.

Hartman cautions property owners not to confuse the April 10 property tax deadline with the IRS income tax deadline of April 17.

Those who haven't received a tax bill, or need more information, can call the Treasurer-Tax Collector's 24-hour automated information line at (619) 236-2424. Branch offices are located at 334 Via Vera Cruz, #150, behind "Restaurant Row" in San Marcos, 198 W. Main St. in El Cajon, and 344 F St., Suite 200, in Chula Vista.

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